

REMARKS

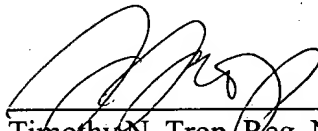
Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of former dependent claim 5. Former dependent claim 5 was rejected based on Greene '328. However, Greene '328 does not show any gaps between the cover plate 14. Therefore, Greene cannot contribute to an obviousness rejection of claim 1 as amended. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 calls for the filler material to match the optical characteristic of the integrated plates. Since there is no filler material or gap, claim 6 should also be in condition for allowance.

On a similar analysis, the remaining claims should likewise be patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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